



News

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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of July 15 thru July 21, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 913 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

KITCHEN FIRE - On July 15 at 5:23 p.m. on the 100 block of George Street West fire companies were dispatched to a report of a fire that was out. Upon arrival, they found a fire in a kitchen that had been extinguished by the resident with a dry chemical extinguisher. The alarms sounded. The occupant accidentally knocked over a small gasoline container and the gas ran into the corner and was ignited by the stoves pilot light. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

GARAGE FIRE - On July 15 at 7:44 p.m. on the 1000 block of Kingsford Street fire companies were called to a report of a garage fire. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a fully involved small detached garage fire. There was minor extension to the owner's siding and some extension to the neighbor's privacy fence and to the vinyl siding on their house. The owners had used a charcoal grill in the evening and put it away in garage, believing it to be cool. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.



BASEMENT FIRE - On July 16 at 8:48 p.m. fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from a basement of a home on the 1800 block of Carroll Avenue. Firefighters arrived to find smoke venting from the basement and stretched hoselines and quickly extinguished the fire. An extension cord running to a sauna's heater was found at the point of origin. The cord had been repaired and there was heavy damage to the cord, melting and blackening of the outlet where the cord was plugged in. Damage is estimated at \$70,000.

UNATTENDED CANDLE - On July 18 at 12:62 a.m. on the 1400 block of Charles Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a dwelling fire. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a fire that began in a built-in cabinet in the first floor dining room of a single-family dwelling. There was some extension to the wall space above and slightly to the second floor. A candle was left unattended in the area. Damage is estimated at \$30,000.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On July 18 at 8:18 p.m. paramedics were called to transfer a 17 year old man from one receiving hospital to another for his gunshot wound.

GARAGE FIRE - On July 20 at 3:10 a.m. on the 1000 block of Matilda Street fire companies were called to a report of a garage fire. They arrived to find a fully involved garage fire and quickly extinguished it. A recreational fire in a fire pit that the owner thought he put out with a hose approximately two hours before the fire spread to the garage. Damage is estimated at \$45,000.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION - On July 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Fire Station 22, Mayor Chris Coleman and Fire Chief Tim Butler recognized Donnell Gibson's heroic efforts of rescuing ten family members from a burning home at 402 Rice Street on April 1st with the prestigious Meritorious Service Award which is the highest award given by the Saint Paul Fire Department. Donnell was on his way to work at a Parks Department recreation center, saw the fire, stopped his car, and went into the smoke-filled house to get up to ten people out of the burning home - risking his own safety.



Mayor Coleman, Chief Butler, Donnell Gibson and his family.

ARSON - On July 20 at 2:15 p.m. on the 1100 block of Mackubin Street fire companies were dispatched for a report of smoke in an apartment building. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a fully involved bedroom in an apartment. The occupant of the fire apartment reported to police that he deliberately set the fire. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.



A deliberate set fire caused \$50,000 in damage to this apartment.

BICYCLIST STRUCK - On July 20 at 7:08 p.m. on University Avenue West and Hampden Avenue a 57 year old man had been struck by a vehicle as he was crossing the intersection on his bicycle. The man was not wearing a helmet. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

WORKER STRUCK - On July 20 at 12:16 p.m. on Edmund Avenue and Marion Street a 54 year old man was struck by a vehicle as he was working with a tool. He was part of a road crew, working on the water system when he was struck. He was wearing his safety gear. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

DWELLING FIRE - On July 21 at 2:24 p.m. on the 500 block of Sherburne Avenue fire companies were called to a report of smoke coming from a window of a dwelling. They arrived to find smoke showing from a second floor window and stretched a hose lines and quickly extinguished the fire. Illegal entries and broken windows were reported over the past couple of days. Damage is estimated at \$70,000.

INATTENTIVE COOKING - On July 21 at 8:31 p.m. on the 1100 block of Mackubin Street fire companies were called to a report of an alarm sounding in an apartment building. They arrived to find a small stovetop fire that was extinguished with water by the occupant. The occupant had been cooking with oil and returned to find the oil on fire. Damage is estimated at \$2,020.